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PART II.

ADULT SPECIALIZED CARE

- A. The resident must have long-term health conditions requiring close medical supervision, 24 hours of licensed nursing care, AND specialized services or equipment.
- B. The targeted adult population for needing specialized care includes individuals requiring mechanical ventilation or complex tracheostomies.
- C. To meet Specialized Care criteria, the individual must require at a minimum:
 1. Physician visits at least every seven (7) days. The initial Physician visit must be made by the Physician personally and subsequent required Physician visits after the initial visit may alternate between personal visits by the Physician and visits by a Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner;
 2. Licensed Nursing Services 24 hours a day [a registered nurse (RN) must be on the nursing unit on which the resident resides, 24 hours a day, whose sole responsibility is the designated unit];
 3. Respiratory Services provided by a licensed and board-certified Respiratory Therapist (these services must be available 24 hours a day); AND
 4. A coordinated multidisciplinary team approach to meet needs.
- D. In addition, the individual must meet one of the two following requirements:
 1. Require mechanical ventilation; OR
 2. Have a complex tracheostomy that meets all of the following criteria. The resident must:
 - Have a tracheostomy with the potential for weaning or documentation of attempts to wean with subsequent inability to wean;
 - Require nebulizer treatments followed by chest PT (Physiotherapy) at least 4 times per day or nebulizer treatments at least 4 times a day, provided by a Licensed Nurse or Licensed Respiratory Therapist;
 - Require pulse oximetry monitoring at least every shift due to demonstrated unstable oxygen saturation levels;
 - Require respiratory assessment and documentation every shift by a Licensed Respiratory Therapist or Trained Nurse;
 - Have a Physician's order for oxygen therapy with documented usage;

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- Require tracheostomy care at least daily;
- Have a Physician's order for suctioning as needed; AND
- Be deemed to be at risk to require subsequent mechanical ventilation.